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1. AT MARCH 5 LIST REVIEW SESSION, CHAIR CALLED
UPON CANADA AND THE US WHICH HAD RESERVED ON THE FRENCH
PROPOSAL TO DELETE DEPLETED URANIUM TAILS. CANADIAN
DEL STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES MAINTAINED THEIR POSITION
FROM ROUND I AND CONTINUED THEIR RESERVE ON DELETION OF
TAILS. HOWEVER THE GOC HAD CHANGED ITS OPINION ON THE
DISPOSITION OF TAILS ONLY WITH REGARD TO THE USSR IN
RECOGNITION OF THAT COUNTRY'S NPT MEMBERSHIP. WHEN
PRESSED FOR CLARIFICATION, THE CANADIAN DEL STATED THAT
THE ARGUMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED BOTH FOR AND
AGAINST DELETION HAD MERIT AND UNTIL THE COMMITTEE
AGREES ON THE STRATEGIC VALUE OF DEPLETED URANIUM,
CANADA WOULD "RESERVE ITS POSITION".

2. IN ITS TURN, THE US RECORDED THE POSITION IN REFTEL B.
IT NOTED THAT THIS HAD NOT BEEN INTENDED AS A SOLICI-
TATION AFTER THE CHAIRMAN INQUIRED WHETHER ANY DELE-
GATION WAS PREPARED TO PROPOSE A CUTOFF FIGURE BELOW
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WHICH TAILS WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE RETURNED.

3. THE UK TOOK NOTE OF THE CANADIAN AND US POSITIONS TO SUGGEST THAT AN NPT OR GEOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENT MIGHT BE INCORPORATED IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE COVERING TAILS. JAPAN COUNTERED THAT IT COULD NOT AGREE TO GEOGRAPHIC DISCRIMINATION. THE UK, GERMANY AND FRANCE (OFF THE RECORD) EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF A CUTOFF NOTE APPROACH. HOWEVER, (FOR THE RECORD), FRANCE MAINTAINED ITS FORMAL STAND THAT TAILS ARE WITHOUT STRATEGIC VALUE AND THAT IT IS NOT RPT. NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE INTERVENTION OF THE COMMITTEE IN CASES OR THE COMPETENCE OF THE COMMITTEE TO JUDGE TOLL ENRICHMENT TRANSACTIONS MADE ON "TEMPORARY EXPORT" BASIS.

4. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING IT WAS LEARNED BY-LATERALLY THAT THE CANADIAN POSITION IS IN FACT STRONGLY TO OPPOSE ANY CHANGE IN AEL-1 WHILE STATING THAT IT WILL APPROVE GENERAL EXCEPTIONS CASES FOR TOLL ENRICHMENT IN THE USSR WITHOUT REQUIRING THE RETURN OF DEPLETED URANIUM FROM THAT COUNTRY ALONE. THEREFORE, BARRING ANY CHANGE IN THE CANADIAN POSITION, IT APPEARS THAT NO CONSENSUS CAN BE DEVELOPED ON THIS ISSUE. THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE ISSUE BE LEFT OPEN UNTIL ROUND III IN EVENT SOME DELEGATION MAKES A FURTHER SUGGESTION.
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